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**COMPLETION OF RECORD  
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STATEMENT OF INTERVIEW**

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Sir :

Applicants express appreciation for the courtesies extended by Examiner Katherine Salmon to Applicants' representative Arnold Turk during an April 6, 2010 telephone interview.

During the interview, Applicants' representative noted that JP 2002-136291 listed on the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement, filed March 1, 2006, had not been initialed on the form attached to the Office Action dated January 2, 2008. The Examiner indicated that she will forward an initialed form for this document upon submission of another form listing the document.

Applicants' representative also indicated that documents cited in the International Search Report and made of record in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, filed March 1, 2006, had not been listed on the Form PTO-1449. The Examiner indicated that she has considered documents listed in the International Search Report (and listed below), and that she

will confirm such consideration upon submission of a form listing the documents with copies of the documents submitted. Accordingly, the Form PTO-1449 submitted herewith lists the following documents and copies are provided:

(a) KESO et al., "Polymorphisms within the tumor necrosis factor locus and prevalence of coronary artery disease in middle-aged men," *Atherosclerosis*, Vol. 154, No. 3, pp. 691-697 (2001);

(b) KOCH et al., "Interleukin-10 and tumor necrosis factor gene polymorphisms and risk of coronary artery diseases and myocardial infarction," *Atherosclerosis*, Vol. 159, No. 1, pp. 137-144 (2001); and

(c) PANDEY et al., "TNF- $\alpha$  and TNF- $\beta$  Gene Polymorphisms in Systemic Sclerosis," *Human Immunology*, Vol. 60, pp. 1128-1130 (1999).

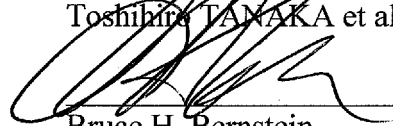
Moreover, it was noted that a copy of the English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report will be submitted, and the Examiner indicated that such document will also be indicated as considered.

Accordingly, Applicants submit the above-noted documents and a Form PTO-1449, and request that the Examiner confirm consideration by returning an initialed copy of the form.

If a fee is required for any reason, then this should be considered express authorization to charge any necessary fee for consideration of this paper and/or the information cited therein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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